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SUBJECT: ALLEGED TERRORIST ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR JAMAICA

1. SUMMARY: INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA (GOJ) THAT CUBAN EXILES IN MIAMI ARE IN THE PROCESS OF RECRUITING AND TRAINING JAMAICAN IMMIGRANTS TO CONDUCT

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A WAVE OF BOMBINGS AND INCENDIARY ACTIONS IN JAMAICA DURING

THE UPCOMING CARIBBEAN FESTIVAL WHICH BEGINS FRIDAY, JULY 23 (AND CONTINUES FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN DAYS). EXPLOSIVES AND AMMUNITION ARE TO BE SMUGGLED INTO JAMAICA BY MEANS OF BOATS. SOME SUPPLIES MAY ALREADY BE IN PLACE. SPECIFIC DETAILS NOT PROVIDED BY GOJ CONCERNING IDENTITY OF MEMBERS OF GROUP OR MEANS OF TRANSPORTING EXPLOSIVES/AMMUNITION TO JAMAICA. ASSISTANCE OF ADDRESSEES REQUESTED.

2. ON JULY 17, 1976 THE JAMAICAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, HIS MINISTER/COUNSELOR AND A SUPERINTENDENT OF THE JAMAICAN SPECIAL BRANCH POLICE VISITED THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT AN ALLEGED PLOT DIRECTED AGAINST JAMAICA; AND TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE. THE GOJ REPRESENTATIVES PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING DETAILS:

A. A JAMAICAN CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT (JAMAICAN IMMIGRANT TO THE U.S.) PRESENTLY RESIDING IN MIAMI AREA WAS APPROACHED IN JANUARY 1976 BY A CUBAN EXILE IN MIAMI AREA

(IDENTIFICATION NOT KNOWN) WHO SOUNDED HIM OUT ABOUT INTEREST IN JOINING GROUP OF JAMAICANS WITH GOAL OF OVERTHROWING THE GOJ. CUBAN NOTED REASON FOR SUCH POLITICAL ACTION BASED ON BELIEF THAT JAMAICA HEADING TOWARD COMMUNISM BECAUSE OF CLOSE TIES WITH CUBA.

B. IN LATE SPRING, JAMAICAN INFORMANT WAS CONTACTED BY ANOTHER JAMAICAN IMMIGRANT, EVERTON PEARTE, WHO ATTEMPTED TO RECRUIT INFORMANT TO JOIN GROUP WHICH WOULD TRAVEL TO JAMAICA TO ENGAGE IN TERRORIST ACTIVITY (BOMBING AND BURNING) DURING THE CARIBBEAN FESTIVAL WHICH BEGINS FRIDAY JULY 23. PEARTE REPORTEDLY ADVISED INFORMANT THAT "DURING THE TIME OF THE CARIFESTA TO INDEPENDENCE THERE IS GOING TO BE AN UPROAR; THAT THERE WILL BE MEN SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE ISLAND OF JAMAICA TO CONDUCT DISRUPTIVE ACTIONS." PEARTE CLAIMED THAT THE MEN (PRIMARILY JAMAICAN EXPATRIATES) WOULD BE TRAVELING FROM NEW YORK, CHICAGO, TORONTO, VIRGIN ISLANDS AND MIAMI. PEARTE ASKED THE INFORMANT TO RECRUIT FIVE MEN TO ACCOMPANY HIM. (ACCORDING TO THE GOJ REPRESENTATIVES THE CADRE WILL CONSIST OF ABOUT 40 PERSONS, WITH AN CONFIDENTIAL

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OVERALL GOAL OF 200 PARTICIPANTS).

C. PEARTE ALLEGEDLY TOLD THE INFORMANT THAT AMMUNITION WAS ALREADY IN JAMAICA, AND THAT THE EXPLOSIVES WOULD BE TRANSPORTED FROM THE U.S. TO THE ISLAND BY BOATS-- POSSIBLY FISHING BOATS. THE INFORMANT CLAIMED THAT HE WAS TOLD HE WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DISRUPTIVE ACTIONS (EXACT NATURE NOT DISCLOSED) IN THE GREGORY PARK AREA.

THE THRUST OF THE TERRORIST ACTIVITY IS TO BE DIRECTED AGAINST PUBLIC UTILITIES AND WATER SUPPLIES. GENERATING PLANTS AND DAMS WERE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED AS TARGETS FOR BOMBS. PEARTE REPORTEDLY TOLD THE INFORMANT THAT THE EXPLOSIVES WOULD BE TIMED AT INTERVALS TO CAUSE THE GREATEST DAMAGE AND DISRUPTION. HE GAVE AS AN EXAMPLE A 9 P.M. EXPLOSION AT MONTEGO BAY, WITH SUBSEQUENT EXPLOSIONS AT MARANT BAY AT 9:30 P.M., PORT ANTONIO AT 10:00, ETC. THE TIMES AND PLACES WERE ONLY OFFERED AS AN ILLUSTRATION OF THE TYPE OF TIME SCHEDULE TO BE FOLLOWED. THE INFORMANT CLAIMED THAT HE WAS ALSO TOLD THAT THE GROUP WOULD ALSO "HIT" BUSINESS PLACES AND A COUPLE OF "POOR PEOPLE'S HOUSES".

D. THE INFORMANT CLAIMED THAT THE OPERATION IS BEING FINANCED PRIMARILY BY THE CUBAN EXILE COMMUNITY IN THE UNITED STATES.

E. ACCORDING TO THE INFORMANT, HE TALKED PEARTE INTO WITHDRAWING FROM THE OPERATION AND PEARTE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY MURDERED IN MIAMI ON JULY 11 BY UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO WANTED TO INSURE THAT HE DID NOT COMPROMISE THE OPERATION.

3. THE GOJ REPRESENTATIVES WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE CUBAN WHO INITIALLY CONTACTED AND "SPOTTED" THEIR INFORMANT IN JANUARY. HOPEFULLY THEY WILL ALSO MAKE HIM AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW BY AMERICAN OFFICIALS.

4. UNFORTUNATELY, INFORMATION TO DATE IS NON-SPECIFIC AND DOES NOT PERMIT IDENTIFICATION OF CONSPIRATORS. THE INFORMANT DID STATE THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TROUBLE

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JOINING THE GROUP BECAUSE HE DOES NOT SMOKE GUNGA (MARIJUANA/HASH). HIS STATEMENT SEEMED TO IMPLY THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP ARRANGING THE CLANDESTINE TRANSPORTATION OF THE EXPLOSIVES WERE ALSO IN THE BUSINESS OF SMUGGLING DRUGS. THE GOJ REPRESENTATIVES DID NOT KNOW WHETHER SUCH INDIVIDUALS WERE CUBAN OR JAMAICAN.

5. THE GOJ REPRESENTATIVES VENTURED AN OPINION THAT THE YOUTH ARM OF THE JAMAICAN LABOR PARTY (THE OPPOSITION PARTY) MIGHT PROVIDE IN-COUNTRY SUPPORT FOR THE TERRORIST GROUP.

6. USG CONCERN OVER THE ALLEGATIONS WERE EXPRESSED TO THE GOJ REPS AND THEY WERE GIVEN ASSURANCES THAT EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO ASCERTAIN THE FACTS AND STOP ANY TERRORIST

ACTIVITY ORIGINATING IN THE U.S.

7. REQUEST ALL ADDRESSEES BE PARTICULARLY ALERT TO ANY INFORMATION OR EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE JAMAICAN INFORMANT'S CLAIM. THE OFFICE OF SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, IS THE COORDINATING OFFICE ON THIS MATTER, AND ANY INFORMATION GATHERED SHOULD BE FURNISHED THE OFFICE OF SECURITY COMMAND INTELLIGENCE CENTER, ATTN: MR. HARVEY (TEL 632-2142, KY-3 SECURE PHONE 5288). REQUEST THAT ALL ADDRESSEES APPOINT AN ACTION OFFICER AND SO INFORM THE STATE DEPARTMENT ACTION OFFICERS (VICTOR H. DIKEOS - DEP. ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, TEL 632-1536, KY-3 5219) OR GORDON E. HARVEY, 632-1041, KY-3 5219). TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION SHOULD BE SENT BY HIGHEST PRIORITY TRANSMISSION.

8. FOR AMEMBASSY KINGSTON: ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE PROVIDED SEPTEL. KISSINGER

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